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5   A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AN EXTENSIBLE CLIENT SPECIFIC
        ADDRESS BOOK APPLICATION IN A PORTAL SERVER

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

        A method for providing extensible client address book functions to a

10   plurality of clients via the Internet. The method includes a portal server
      receiving a request for address book functions from a client. In response to the
      request, a Java server page corresponding to the request is accessed. A
      plurality of tags contained within the Java server page are then accessed. The
      Java server page is subsequently processed using the tags, wherein the tags

15   provide access to an address book server configured for providing the address
      book functions. The address book functions include contact information, phone
      number information, mailing information, and the like. The resulting processed
      Java server page is then transmitted back to the client. When requests from
      the client received, the Java server page corresponding to the request can be

20   retrieved from a set of compiled Java server page classes. Extended address
      book functions can be provided by accessing a plurality of extended tags
      contained within the Java server page, wherein the address book functions are
      extended by adding the extended tags corresponding to new address book
      functionality of the address book server.

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